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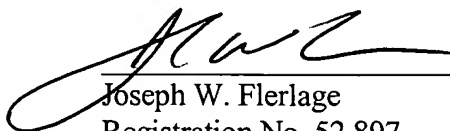
REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 10-20, 23-26, 28 and 29 have been rejected pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by *Hoinkis* (US Patent Application Publication 2004/0227214). Claims 4-9, 21, 22, and 27 have been objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but have been deemed otherwise to contain allowable subject matter. Applicants thank the Examiner for recognizing the allowable subject matter of claims 4-9, 21, 22, and 27.

The rejections to the claims have been obviated by appropriate amendment. No new matter has been added. Independent claim 1 has been amended to recite the allowable subject matter of dependent claim 4 and independent claim 23 has been amended recite the allowable subject matter of dependent claim 27. Claims 4 and 27 has been cancelled. Claims 5 and 6 have been amended to correct dependency. Accordingly, all pending claims recite allowable subject matter. Applicant respectfully requests favorable consideration and allowance for all pending claims. If the examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite allowance of the application, the examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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